

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3512**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Dangers of Shaking Newborns--Video Instruction		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3512 amends Chapter 37, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the care of the newly born, by adding Section 44-37-50 which requires all hospitals in the state to make available to parents of each newborn the opportunity to view a video of the dangers associated with shaking infants and young children. The Bill requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control to approve the video(s) selected for presentation to parents; to provide a copy of an approved video (at cost) to a hospital or interested individual, and to provide hospitals with forms (that must be signed by the parent of newborns) indicating that the parents have been offered the opportunity to view the video.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department has not yet determined the most cost-effective method (i.e., produce the video in-house, contract for its production or use commercially available videos) by which to comply with the provisions of this Bill. However, since the Bill allows the agency to charge a fee for the video, any costs incurred by the agency should be recoverable from the fee. There would be no cost to the State General Fund. There would be a cost (recoverable from fees) to Other funds. The cost of printing forms to be signed by new parents would be minimal and can be absorbed by the agency.


Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

This Bill would have a minimum fiscal impact since MUSC already has an in-patient educational TV channel in place that could be utilized.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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